

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3294/09
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to the Commission

Subject: EU's multimillion campaign to guarantee approval of Lisbon Treaty

According to reports in the Irish Times (14 March 2009), the Commission is to become actively involved in the campaign to secure approval of the Lisbon Treaty ahead of the referendum in Ireland later this year. As a member of the alternative *Junilistan*, which is critical of the EU, I am both shocked and indignant. The Commission is reportedly planning an information campaign to provide the public - though primarily those groups that voted against the treaty in the first referendum - with better knowledge of what the EU means to them in their daily lives. The campaign will also clarify controversial points in the proposed treaty. According to the Irish Times, the EU-funded publicity campaign - estimated cost 1.8 million euro - is to be launched in the near future.

Could the Commission explain the purpose of the information campaign and set out the costs involved in the project?